

ASBESTOS MILL IN OPERATION

Plant in Eden Reported to be One of the Largest in America

Vermont has gone into the asbestos industry with a will and lays claim to having one of the largest mills of its kind in America. Near the village of Eden is the heart of the Vermont asbestos land, and there the asbestos corporation of America has just completed building a power station and installing modern equipment valued at upward of \$1,000,000. The company is at the present time negotiating a big contract with a southern California manufacturer of asphalt, to supply him with Vermont asbestos, which will be shipped from Portland, Me., through the Cape Cod and Panama Canals to Los Angeles, Cal., and be delivered at the manufacturer's door from the asbestos mills within 28 days. Charles H. Thompson (formerly of Brattleboro) vice president and general manager of the corporation, plans to start the first shipment in January and have two boats a month in the work.

Some 15 miles south of the Vermont-Quebec border, a dam obstructs the Missisquoi river in its course westward to Lake Champlain. From the adjoining power plant, the wires of a transmission line strunge off the direction of Belvidere mountain. Half way up the mountain side from the village of Eden and 21 miles from the generating station the line terminates in a clearing.

The Belvidere mountain district has certain material advantages over Canadian operations to balance against its disadvantages. The percentage of mill fiber is considerable higher than the average for the Canadian districts. The Canadian product may be loaded more or less directly aboard cars, but the rock has to be quarried largely from deep pits, with all the retinue of special equipment and operating costs this entails, and dumping space for waste rock has come to be a serious problem.

The Belvidere mountain product has to be let down the mountain side and hauled 12 miles to the nearest shipping point which is Hyde Park the home of the United States Senator Carroll S. Page. The rock can be quarried from the mountainside above, the unlimited opportunity is afforded for the disposal of waste down the mountainside the gravity aiding in the flow from the quarry to the dump.

The work of getting the asbestos mine ready for action has been going on under the direct supervision of Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Thompson during the early part of the year. Operations began on May 25 and the enterprise had passed the experimental stage on July 15 so that today the daily capacity of the mills is 50 tons of the finished product and things are running full blast.

The second new hydroelectric unit is nearly completed at Stevens mills and with the concrete foundations new planing on the dam, and coal improvements and water wheels the power plant which is 21 miles from the mills and quarries represents investments totaling \$35,000.

LOWELL

Mrs. F. G. Kinsley was a visitor in Orleans Thursday.

Ralph Aral is home from U. V. M., for the holiday recess.

Howard Barney is home from Dartmouth for the holidays.

A. J. Pope and Miss Pope were callers in Orleans, Thursday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pope Monday, Dec. 18.

Mrs. Edgar Adams of Wells River is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. Pope.

Miss Helen Stewart of Hanover, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. T. Kinsley.

Miss Elizabeth Curtis is home from St. Johnsbury Academy for Christmas and New Year's.

Miss Clara Burgess, Miss Algie Warner, Miss Alice and Orrill Warner are visiting D. E. Burgess.

Miss Bulah Wiltshire and Miss Evelyn Paronto are spending the holidays with their parents in Eden.

Mike Labounty's little boy broke his leg between the knee and ankle, while at play, Saturday. Dr. Young reduced the fracture.

The community enjoyed the program so splendidly and courageously carried out by the school at the community Christmas tree, Thursday evening and appreciate the great amount of work it required of the Faculty.

Robert Stephenson is spending his Christmas vacation with his mother. Mr. Stephenson is a student at Bay Path Institute, School of Business Training in Springfield, Mass., where he is taking the combined stenographic and bookkeeping course.

The Christmas holidays are only of one week's duration and all the time lost from school is made up later in the year by Saturday sessions. All of the students are planning to return to school for the opening on January 2, not only on account of the school work, but because of the big New Year's party to which all the students are invited on the evening of Tuesday, January 2.

Christmas Was Utterly Denounced as Evil and Ungodly in Early Days.

IN THE early days of America's history Christmas festivities were not generally observed.

In one state the observation of Christmas was utterly denounced as an evil, ungodly and pernicious custom, and any child daring to think of as much as a plum pudding on that day would make himself liable to reproof by the authorities.

All along the stern and rock-bound coast, Geraldine Ames writes in the Churchman, the only Christmas trees in the days of the Puritan domination were those that nature had planted there and had adorned with deep snow. The fires burned brightly on the open hearths, but as far as the children knew, Christmas was just like any other day in the calendar. Even after the Puritan reaction against the forms and customs of the old church had spent itself to some extent the children of the Seventeenth century still expected no gifts in honor of the birth of Christ.

EAST CHARLESTON

Mrs. James Hinton is critically ill. All schools but the Buck district are closed for a week's vacation. Students at Charleston high school are at home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. C. F. Barney, who has been nursing at Island Pond, has returned home.

Bert Allyn of Lyndonville spent Christmas with his brother, Abner Allen.

Leonard Wilder of Derby spent his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barney.

Please be present at the regular W. A. meeting Saturday night, December 30.

Mrs. J. D. Crowe entertained her mother, Mrs. Curtis, from Island Pond for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrar and Lyle George were Christmas visitors at W. G. Stoddard's.

Ora Bushaw has rented the Earl Willis farm and has moved his family there from Echo.

Some of the students in Island Pond high school are at home because of the epidemic of scarlet fever.

Miss Jennie Campbell of Springfield is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts.

C. E. Coruth underwent a slight operation at the Orleans hospital recently. His many friends are glad he is convalescing.

Russell Seavey, who has been attending Middlebury college, spent his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Seavey.

John Hinton from Connecticut and Mrs. Mabel Bean of Lyndonville were called home by the critical condition of their mother, Mrs. James Hinton.

The Christmas exercises were held in the church Saturday evening. The committee feels that the exercises were a success. Old Santa surely did not forget his friends in East Charleston this year.

WEST CHARLESTON

Emmett Moore is working for N. C. Eastman.

Mrs. Ballard is at Miss Bruce's for the holidays.

Mrs. Margaret Coffey is ill with muscular rheumatism.

Ray Jenkins of Burlington is at home for the holidays.

John Taplin is ill and home from his work at Island Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Utin have both been ill but are improving.

Will Bailey of Lyndonville spent Christmas at his home here.

Will Davis and family of Newport spent Christmas at Eugene Clark's.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Barrup spent Christmas at H. C. Harris' at Derby.

Dale Badger of Newport has come to the home of his grandfather, John Dudley.

Mrs. John Taplin's pupils at Plunkett school gave an entertainment on Friday.

Charles Church is visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Grow, in Holland.

Miss Natalie Bailey's pupils at Cole Hill had a Christmas tree and exercises Friday.

Miss Stella Shedd visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shedd, over Christmas.

Miss Mae Hastings is home for the holidays from Woodsville, N. H., where she teaches.

Mr. Chabot and family, who have been at Bert Bailey's farm, have moved to Manchester, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blake and children of Derby visited at Mrs. Margaret Levens Sunday.

Mrs. Will Hinton and two children of Lyndonville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bailey, last week.

Mrs. Will Waterman and son, Lyndon, visited Fred Waterman and Mrs. Addie Miles at Island Pond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rutter entertained a number of relatives from this place and Newport on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dane, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Dane and youngest child spent Christmas at C. E. Hill's in Newport.

Mrs. Eugene Hinton and daughter, Miss Harriet, are visiting her son, Harold Glasson, and family in Litchfield, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gray had as Christmas guests his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gray, and family, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Broe, and family, all of Gay Hill.

Mrs. Lyons, who has been in the hospital at Sherbrooke for several weeks, has had her second operation and is recovering nicely. It is now expected that she will soon be home. Mr. Lyons visited her last week.

Christmas at the Community church was observed with trees and a program Monday evening. The church was filled with an audience which appreciated the splendid program. Every one taking part gave of their best. Beside the children of the village there were those from the Gay Hill school with their teacher, Mrs. Preston Clark, and the Dane Hill school with their teacher, Miss Mildred Lamere. There was a choir of young people, Mrs. Adin Armstrong, organist. Santa Claus was realistically portrayed by Walter Coffey. It is safe to say that everyone, both old and young, had a very enjoyable time.

SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Mabel Dwire was ill last week and absent from school.

Miss Sylvia Hinton of East Charleston visited school one day last week.

The girls of the economics class and their teacher, Miss Ruth Buck, prepared and served their supper in their room last week Wednesday. It proved a very enjoyable affair and as yet we have heard of no ill effects.

Miss Esther Buck and pupils had a Christmas tree and a splendid program at their schoolroom Friday afternoon and exchanged gifts. A number of parents and friends attended and all had a pleasant time.

The school closed last week for a two weeks' vacation.

Prof. Sturtevant went to his home in Burlington Thursday.

Miss Ruth Buck is at her home in Newport for the vacation. Her pupils here presented her with a Christmas gift.

Last Thursday afternoon Prof. Farrar and Prof. Sturtevant furnished the Christmas eats and with their pupils had a social time Thursday afternoon. Both gentlemen received gifts from the young people.

New Walton's Vermont Register at the Monitor office.

HOLIDAY RECEIPTS

English Plum Pudding
6 ozs. flour
6 ozs. stale bread crumbs
¾ lb. raisins, seeded and cut in pieces
¾ lb. currants
¾ lb. suet, finely chopped
10 ozs. sugar
1 cup molasses
3 ozs. candied orange peel, finely cut
1 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 teaspoon mace
6 eggs, well beaten
2 teaspoons salt
Mix ingredients in order given, turn into a thickly floured square of unbleached cotton cloth. Tie securely, leaving some space to allow the pudding to swell and plunge into a kettle of boiling water. Cook five hours, allowing pudding to be immersed in water during the entire cooking. Serve with hard and liquid sauce.

Hard Sauce
Cream one-third cup butter; add gradually one cup brown sugar and two tablespoons brandy, drop by drop. Force through a pastry bag with rose tube, and garnish with green leaves and candied cherries.

Liquid Sauce
Mix one-half cup sugar, one-half tablespoon corn-starch, and a few grains salt. Add gradually, while stirring constantly, one cup boiling water, and boil five minutes. Remove from fire, add one tablespoon lemon juice and two tablespoons brandy; then color with fruit red.

Butter Scotch.
1 cup sugar
¼ cup molasses
½ cup butter
1 tablespoon vinegar
2 tablespoons boiling water
Boil ingredients together until, when tried in cold water, mixture will become brittle. Stir into well-beaten egg whites, which should be marked well with sharp-pointed knife into squares.

Note: Much improved by cooking piece of vanilla bean in it.

Parisian Sweets
1 lb. figs
1 lb. dates
1 lb. English walnuts
Honey or karo
Pick over and remove stems from figs and stones from dates. Mix fruit and walnut meats and chop fine with meat chopper. Work honey of karo into above using just enough of either. Roll in shredded cocoanut.

Date Loaf
Mix 2 cups sugar and 1 cup milk. Boil until it forms a soft ball or 238°. Add one cup dates and cut in pieces, 1 cup nut meats cut in pieces and ½ teaspoon salt. Stir slightly and pour into coarse linen towel wrung out in cold water. Shake into roll 1½ inches in diameter and cut in slices.

Butter Taffy
2 cups brown sugar
¼ cup molasses
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons lemon juice or vinegar
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
Boil the first five ingredients together until the syrup forms a hard ball in cold water. Add the butter and continue the cooking until the mixture, when tested, becomes brittle. Remove it from the fire, add the vanilla, and pour the taffy into a buttered pan. When nearly cold mark it into squares.

Velvet Molasses Candy
1 cup molasses
3 cups sugar
1 cup boiling water
3 tablespoons vinegar
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
½ cup melted butter
¼ teaspoon soda
Put first four ingredients in kettle. As soon as boiling point is reached add cream of tartar. Boil to "crack" degree. Stir constantly during last part of cooking. When nearly done add butter and soda. Pour into buttered pan and pull.

Vermont Farm Bureau Federation Holds Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Farm Bureau Federation was held in Burlington December 6 and 7. Gray Silver, legislative representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation was the principal speaker at the banquet served at Hotel Vermont and at the meeting Thursday, December 7, in the Van Ness. Others speakers were Fred B. Thomas, state tax commissioner of taxes; Dean J. L. Hills of the University of Vermont; and Mrs. Julian Dimock of East Corinth, Vermont.

The following were elected by the delegates from the various counties as officers for the coming year: E. B. Cornwall of Burlington, president; O. M. Rowell, Albany, vice president; the executive committee, C. W. Fitch, Montpelier, in charge marketing project; Mrs. J. H. Bartlett, Orleans, and J. A. Leach, Pawlet, legislation; C. M. Hazard, Charlotte, agricultural production; Mrs. H. K. Brooks, St. Albans, and Mrs. B. C. Hawley, Essex Junction, in charge home economics; F. R. Leavenworth, Castleton, in charge Boys' and Girls' Club work project.

A complete report of the state Farm Bureau meeting will appear in the January News.

Good Bulls Purchased.
B. J. Williams of Morgan and B. W. Farmer of Island Pond recently purchased future herd sires from the Niles Jersey farm in Derby. Both of these bulls are from high producing dams and sired by Clover's Oxford No. 20068, a son of Gedney Farm Girl's Oxford with 39 daughters in R. of M. Clover's Oxford, the herd sire at the Niles farm, is a son of Belle Clover, whose record is 677.5 lbs. butter fat.

Orleans County Jerseys Make Good.
Favorable reports have been received from a shipment of 11 Jersey cows made by the Niles farm in Derby to parties in Canada. Practically every one of the cows have made R. O. P. records and one cow, Chief Belle Fox, made 585 lbs. fat in 305 days. Other cows followed closely with records nearly as good.

Out of another shipment of nine cows to a Canadian party from the Niles farm, several were showed at the Sherbrooke fair and won many prizes, including a large percentage of firsts.

Microbe's Happy Hunting Ground.
According to estimate the human body contains a microbe population equal to a thousand million times the whole human population of the earth.

The Frugal Chinese.
The Chinese, says W. Cameron Forbes in his book, "The Romance of Business," have reduced thrift to "an exact science." With the individual Chinese it is, he asserts, a question of either "save or starve," hence he has become "the most frugal and the least wasteful man on earth."

CHARGE VISITORS SMALL FEE

Admission to State Museums and Palaces of France Now Matter of Stated Price.

Visitors to the state museums and palaces in Paris are now required, reports the Daily Telegraph correspondent, to pay an entrance fee. The fees vary from 1 franc at the Louvre to 50c at the Petit Trianon, and the first day's experience yielded very encouraging results. Although the Louvre was open only in the afternoon, the receipts for the day were 3,000 francs. Three hundred francs were taken at the Luxembourg, and the Cluny museum and the Arc de Triomphe each took 850.

The director of the National museum estimates that during the 200 days a year on which an admission fee is charged—that is, allowing two free days per week—the receipts at the Louvre will average 2,000 francs a day. Few people, he said, object to paying the small fee, but it will relieve the taxpayer of a great part of his burden for the benefit of state museums. A proposal is being considered to charge for admission to the gardens of Versailles on the days when the fountains are playing, as the spectacle—always a great attraction to visitors—costs 30,000 francs to 35,000 francs a day at the present price of coal.

MANY USERS OF TELESCOPE

Dealers Report Practically a Steady Demand for Glasses in All Months of the Year.

"We sell telescopes all the year round, but the demand for them is greater in summer than in other seasons," said the salesman in a New York optician's shop. "Perhaps that is because it is easier to remain outdoors and study the stars on a summer night than it is when the weather is colder."

"Also, in summer people buy telescopes for other purposes than to study the stars. Folks on the seashore get them to look at passing vessels, at the clouds and other things. We sell some also to those who use the telescope for lookout purposes. But of course, the greater number of telescopes, especially the high-power glasses, are bought for the study of the heavens."

"Annually we sell an average of 200 telescopes for amateur use. They range in size from the hand glass, with 1-inch lens, to the glass that is supported on a tripod and has a lens 3 to 3½ inches in diameter. Larger lenses than the 3½ inch size are seldom bought by amateurs. They are for professional use."

"Jinxes" Were Numerous.
A number of seaweed passengers aboard the Adriatic, which caught fire from an explosion on Thursday night, said yesterday that there was a number of signs attending the sailing of the ship which were construed as "jinxes" by the sailors. Among these were:

The ship lost an anchor in the Mersey;

Nearly hit the Holyhead-Dublin ferry;

The birds refused to fly aboard the ship.

And the explosion occurred very close to the spot where the Titanic went down in 1912.

The story is being told of the elderly man who was nearly panic stricken and when asked jocularly what he was afraid to die for, said in a shaky voice, "I've been trimming people all my life!"—New York Sun.

Denatured Alcohol.
Denatured alcohol is grain alcohol made unfit for use as a beverage. Completely denatured alcohol is made by adding 10 gallons of wood alcohol and a half gallon of benzene to 100 gallons of ethyl alcohol. This is free from government tax and may be bought by any one for use as fuel or light.

The denaturing must be done when the alcohol is produced and in bonded warehouses used exclusively for the purpose and for storing denatured alcohol, and is done under the supervision of the government. The grain alcohol may be made from grain, corn, potatoes or similarly starchy products, but the conditions under which it must be produced make it impracticable except for well-equipped factories.

Easy to Prevent Gout.
"Simple gout is the easiest of all diseases to prevent," wrote Doctor Marine, the great specialist in this disease, some time ago. Iodine is known to be necessary to the normal function of the thyroid gland. Gout is an expression of deficiency of iodine in the thyroid, and the elaborate experiments made recently by Dr. O. P. Kimball on the school children of Akron, Ohio, furnish conclusive evidence that administering a minute quantity of iodine every day acts as a preventive in such regions where gout prevails.

In the Airy Days.
We have always held that Charley Wooster broke the western record when he broke prairie one summer in the early '70s, togged out in blue denim, going barefooted and wearing a silk tie, but the Atchafalaya tells of a man named Paswell who in 1890 came into possession of a "clawhammered suit sent in a 'relief' box from Boston and wore it all summer for every day on the farm. He wore his overalls to church.—Nebraska State Journal.

Club Work Projects and Requirements.

- I. General requirements which apply to all projects:
 1. Any boy or girl under 19 years may apply for membership.
 2. Enrollments should be made before June 1.
 3. Each member must keep a record and write a story.
 4. Work and records start at the time of enrollment.
 5. Reports must be submitted on June 15, and November 1, except in maple sugar.

- II. Specific requirements which apply to different projects:
 1. Calf. Full charge of one calf for not less than 5 months.
 - (1) Calf under 3 months old June 1, or
 - (2) Calf under six months old June 1.

2. Canning. At least 25 quarts of products (pickles excepted).

3. Clothing. The following work each year:
 - (1) One practice article.
 - (2) One household or gift article.
 - (3) Some work on care, repair and remodelling of clothing.
 - (4) One outside garment.
 - (5) One article of underwear.

4. Cooking. Ten bakings of quick bread; ten bakings of yeast bread.

5. Corn. Care of 20 square rods.
 - (1) 40 square rods.
 - (2) 80 square rods.
 - (3) 16 square rods.
 - (4) 8 square rods.
 - (5) 16 square rods.

6. Garden. Care of 4 square rods.
 - (1) 8 square rods.
 - (2) 16 square rods.
 - (3) 20 square rods.
 - (4) 40 square rods.

7. Potatoes. Care of 10 sq. rods.
 - (1) 20 square rods.
 - (2) 40 square rods.

8. Handicrafts. Three or more articles useful on farm or in home, in wood, metal, leather or rope work.

9. Maple Sugar. Care of 10 trees or over and a report May 15.

10. Pigs. (1) All care of one or more pigs for a period of at least four months. Pigs must not be more than three months old June 1, or

- (2) Care of sow and litter for at least one season.

11. Poultry. (1) Care of 5 hens or units of five for egg production, or

- (2) Care of 42 eggs or more for chick production.

12. Sheep. (1) All care of one lamb, or

- (2) All care of two ewes and lambs.

Note:—The above are minimum requirements. The work may be done on a larger scale if desired, but for purposes of judging, all reports will be reduced to the basis of the minimum requirement. Additional credit will be given for larger amounts of work, however. Help may be hired if proper expense account is kept.

"Gentlemen of the Guard."
The original function of the household cavalry was to protect the king's person, and Charles II saw to it that his life guards were recruited from old Cavalier families. Even the privates were men of very good families, and were well paid. Their fine uniforms and finer swagger were an essential part of the splendor of Whitehall. They were called "Gentlemen of the Guard."

NEW YEAR'S EVE ENTERTAINMENT

The invitations are oblong cards with tiny calendars pasted on and sketches of hour-glasses, Father Time, the little New Year, or Janus, decorating them. On the back these verses were written:

I bid you come, good friend of mine,
(And hope that you will not decline)
To watch with me until next year,
Which, as you know, is almost here.

Janus, who keeps the sacred gate,
Wants you to impersonate
The year of (1776.)

For this particular year, famous for the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the girls' invitation should have the name, "Martha Washington," in the lower corner, and the boys', "George Washington," with the date, hour, and name of hostess.

Other years suggested are 1492, the discovery of America, which couple may represent Columbus and his lady

in Italian costumes; 1917, a soldier and Red Cross nurse; 1920, Pilgrim and his lady; 1906, the Norman conqueror of England and his lady; 1867, John Smith and Pocahontas; 1861, soldier of Civil war and lady; 1769, Daniel Boone and lady; 1609, Hendrick Hudson and lady. Other years

Why the Moon is Arid.
The moon is a smaller globe than the earth. Its gravity is only one-sixth of that of ours. As a consequence the atmospheric pressure normal to the moon is far too low to condense water. Steam issuing from a vent remains steam. The internal forces of the steam's molecules are greater than the attractive force of the moon. Steam flew away as it emerged, leaving the moon arid and waterless.—Chicago Tribune.

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